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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Beck, General President October 7, 1955

FROM: Abraham Weiss, Economist

Re: Highlights of Survey of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952

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Rate of Response

We received returns from 770 out of 870 locals. The 770 responses accounted for 1,036,207 members out of a total membership of 1,432,231. Of the 770 responses, 53 are not usable, primarily because the locals operate on a commission or percentage basis. Therefore, the survey is based on 717 locals with 999,668 members. This is a wonderful response and excellent coverage.

Average Increase

The average increase for the members covered by the survey is 29.8 cents per hour since December 1, 1952.

Work Week Reductions

A total of 205,468 members gained a shorter work week since December 1, 1952. Close to 30,000 members now work fewer days per week, that is, they went from a six to a five day week.

Guarantees

Approximately 45,000 members have won a daily guarantee and about 375,000 a weekly guarantee since December 1, 1952. Annual guarantees have been secured by about 8,000 members.

Paid Vacations

Of the 717 locals in the survey, 578 reported locals improvements in their paid vacation plans. Of the 578, 448 gained an additional 1, 2, or 3 weeks of vacation; the balance of the locals (130) did not gain an extra week of vacation but succeeded in reducing the length of service requirements.

Three hundred ninety-five locals won an additional week's vacation; 52 an additional 2 weeks; and 1 local an additional 3 weeks paid vacation.

Health and Welfare

A total of 392,330 members were covered by new health and welfare plans established after December 1, 1952.

Three hundred fifteen locals reported they had improved their health and welfare plans since December 1, 1952. These locals reported for 329,000 members.

Pensions

New pension plans were established for 278,000 members since December 1, 1952.

Twenty-seven locals, with 36,000 members, reported improvements in existing pension plans since December 1, 1952.

Paid Holidays

About 265,000 members gained additional holidays with pay since December 1, 1952

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INT'L BHO. OF TEAMSTERS
SEPTEMBER 28, 1955

LESTER WILSON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 982
300 W. NICOBAR STREET
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 INDICATES TOTAL WAGE INCREASE NEGOTIATED SINCE THAT DATE OF ONE DOLLAR AND NINE CENTS FOR 442 MEMBERS. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE INCREASE FOR THESE PEOPLE SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952 AMOUNTS TO $1.09 PER HOUR? YOUR REPORT INDICATES TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 651, BUT INDICATES WAGE INCREASE FOR ONLY 442 MEMBERS. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION. PLEASE WIRE REPLY.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 1955

MR. JOHN STEVENS
BOX 393 (TEAMSTERS LOCAL 1061)
AULT COLORADO

RE YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952, YOU INDICATE TOTAL WAGE INCREASES OF 5% AND 3%. HOW MUCH IS THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN CENTS-PER-HOUR? PLEASE WIRE ANSWER.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1955

MR. JOHN T. GARDNER
TEAMSTERS LOCALS 403 AND 840
846 SOUTH UNION AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 17 CALIFORNIA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 FOR LOCAL 403 INDICATES TOTAL WAGE INCREASE SINCE THAT DATE OF 11% TO 16%. WHAT IS AVERAGE INCREASE FOR YOUR MEMBERS IF EXPRESSED AS CENTS-PER-HOUR OR DOLLARS-PER-WEEK INSTEAD OF PERCENTAGE. FOR LOCAL 840 YOU INDICATE TOTAL WAGE INCREASE NEGOTIATED SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952, OF $35 PER WEEK PLUS COMMISSION. NOT CLEAR WHETHER $35 REPRESENTS PRESENT BASE WAGE OR INCREASE IN BASE WAGE SINCE DECEMBER 1952. PLEASE WIRE REPLY.

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WALTER ZEMECK, SECY.
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 556
P.O. BOX 1009
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

RE YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 19 TO PRESIDENT DAVE BECK, WE HAVE NO RECORD OF RECEIVING YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS. PLEASE AIRMAIL DUPLICATE REPORT.

ABRAHAM WEISS
ECONOMIST

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This letter sent to all locals that sent in their Report of contract gains.

International Brotherhood of
TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS
WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS of America
AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

DAVE BECK
General President

25 LOUISIANA AVENUE, N.W. • WASHINGTON 1, D. C. • STERLING 3-0525

September 15, 1955

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Dear Sir and Brother:

This is to thank you personally for your cooperation in sending us your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952. Your promptness is greatly appreciated.

I realize that many of you went to considerable trouble and effort to compile the necessary data. I know, too, that many of you were busily engaged in negotiations, in organizing, and in other day-to-day work looking forward to a stronger and more effective union. But despite these many activities, as well as the vacation season, the vast majority of our local unions, including yours, sent in their Reports promptly.

You will be interested to know that the results of our survey will appear in the next issue of the International Teamster.

I know that I can count on your future cooperation whenever we have occasion to request data and information from our local unions. Many thanks.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck

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This letter sent to all locals (218 of them) that had not sent in their Reports of Contract Gains by 9/15/55

International Brotherhood of
TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS
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September 15, 1955

Dear Sir and Brother:

On July 29, and again on August 23, I wrote you, requesting your cooperation in forwarding to me a Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952. Our records indicate that we have not yet received the report from your local union.

As I stated in my letter of August 23, we cannot make progress without the cooperative effort of local unions who respond immediately and intelligently when called upon for assistance. Six weeks have elapsed since our first request for the necessary data.

I realize that many of you have been on a well-deserved vacation during this period. Many of you have been busily engaged during this period in contract negotiations, in organizing campaigns, and in serving your membership from day to day.

It is important, however, to answer promptly the International Union's requests for information. Our report to the membership has been unduly delayed because of your failure to send in your report.

Please send in your Report of Contract Improvements by return mail. A copy of the report form is enclosed. Please feel free to make extra copies of this form if you need them to furnish information on contract gains in different industries.

We need your report to make our survey complete. I know that you will respond promptly.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck

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Enclosure

D U P L I C A T E of
questionnaire sent
July 29, 1955

September, 1955

REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952

Local Union No._____ Location_____

Industry or industries covered_____ No.Members_____

Submitted by _____ _____
(name) (title)

1. WAGES

Indicate total wage increases negotiated since Dec. 1, 1952:

Amount _____ No. workers covered _____

_____ _____

2. WORKING CONDITIONS

Indicate improvements since Dec. 1, 1952:

a) Reduction in work week:

From _____ hours to _____ hours

No. of workers covered: _____

b) Guaranteed work:

1) Daily: No. of Hours ____ No. of workers covered _____

2) Weekly: No. of Hours ____ No. of workers covered _____

3) Annual: No. of Hours ____ No. of workers covered _____

c) Health and Welfare:

1) New Plan Established: Amount of Employer Contribution _____

No. of workers covered_____

2) Existing Plan improved: (Dwacribe briwfly) _____

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d) Pensions:

1) New Plan Established: Amount of Employer contribution _____

No. of workers covered _____

2) Existing Plan Improved: (Describe briefly) _____

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No. of workers covered: _____

e) Paid Holidays:

No. of days increased from _____ to _____

No. of workers covered _____

f) Paid Vacations:

Maximum number of weeks' vacation increased:

From: _____ weeks after _____ years' service

To: _____ weeks after _____ years' service

g) Other significant benefits or improvements: (Describe briefly): _

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Important: Please mail to: Dave Beck, General President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 25 Louisiana Ave., N. W., Washington 1, D. C., so that it will be received not later than September 26th.

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September 8, 1955

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Mr. Gene San Soucie, President
Teamsters Local Union 135
1233 Shelby Street
Indianapolis 3, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 6th. We have already received your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952. The duplicate questionnaire was sent out to all local unions in case the original had been lost, or never received by the locals. Your courteous offer to fill out the duplicate questionnaire is very much appreciated, but it will not be necessary for you to go to this extra trouble.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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JAMES WETZEL
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 764
104 SOUTH FRONT STREET
MILTON, PENNA.

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RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 29 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS
DECEMBER 1 1952. PLEASE AIRMAIL YOUR REPORT.
URGENTLY NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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GLEN H. RABAMUS
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 543
110 NORTH SEVENTH STREET
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 24 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952. PLEASE AIRMAIL YOUR REPORT. URGENTLY NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

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JOSEPH CLEARY
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 145
782 FAIRFIELD AVENUE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 23 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952. PLEASE AIRMAIL YOUR REPLY. URGENTLY NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

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ED HARGETT
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 71
920 W. TRADE STREET
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 23 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952. PLEASE AIRMAIL YOUR REPLY. URGENTLY NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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LLOYD HUGGINS
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 391
128 N. DAVIE STREET, BOX 873
GREENSBORO, N.C.

RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 29 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952, PLEASE WIRE ANSWER. URGENTLY NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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GEORGE W. JENOTT
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 296
40 N. MORRISON AVENUE
SAN JOSE 26 CALIFORNIA

INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
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RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 29 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952, PLEASE WIRE ANSWER. URGENTLY NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

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7 SEPTEMBER 1955

ARTHUR NOWOTNY
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 50
20 NORTH FIRST STREET
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

RE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 23 ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS
SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952, PLEASE WIRE ANSWER. URGENTLY
NEED INFORMATION BY FRIDAY. MANY THANKS.

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R.G.MILLER, SECREYARY-TREASURER
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 968
1803 EVERETT STREET
HOUSTON 9 TEXAS

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SHOWS INCREASE OF 31¢ PER HOUR FOR SALES DRIVERS. PLEASE WIRE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THIS CATEGORY.

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ROY A. RHODES
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 980
636 THIRD STREET
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SHOWS INCREASE OF 18.50 FOR 33 MEMBERS IN BEER DISTRIBUTING. DOES THIS AMOUNT REFER TO INCREASE PER WEEK OR PER MONTH? PLEASE WIRE.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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MELVIN C. JENSEN
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 650
P.O.BOX 2428
WATERLOO, IOWA

RE YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952. DOES $25 INCREASE IN GUARANTEE FOR DAIRY DRIVER SALESMEN REFER TO INCREASE PER WEEK OR PER MONTH SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952? ALSO PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF WORKERS COVERED BY 25¢ PER HOUR INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION AS LISTED IN YOUR REPORT. PLEASE WIRE.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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7 SEPTEMBER 1955

EDWARD T. CARLSON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 716
849 SOUTH MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS 25, INDIANA

RE YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952. WAS THE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, RIGGING AND HEAVY HAULING BUILDING SUBCONTRACTORS AND GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1952? PLEASE WIRE.

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September 7, 1955

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Mr. A. J. Menard, Secretary-Treasurer
L. A. Meat and Provision Drivers Union
Teamsters Local No. 626
846 South Union Avenue
Los Angeles 17, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

I should like to thank you for the effort and care which went into your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent to Mr. Bock on August 31. The amount of detail which you showed was very helpful in understanding the different parts of your industry. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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6 SEPTEMBER 1955

VERNON L. PANKEY
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 750
266 SEVENTEENTH STREET
OAKLAND 12 CALIFORNIA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 INDICATES TOTAL INCREASE SINCE THAT DATE OF 15 to 20% ACCORDING TO BRACKET. PLEASE WIRE WHAT THIS AMOUNTS TO IN CENTS-PER-HOUR FOR ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR LOCAL AND INDICATE TOTAL LOCAL UNION MEMBERSHIP.

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INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
6 SEPTEMBER 1955

CON HANSON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 912
304 WALKER STREET
WATSONVILLE CALIFORNIA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 SHOWS WAGE RATE FOR HOUSEMOVERS AS $1.25 IN 1952 AND $2.37 IN 1955. ARE THESE FIGURES CORRECT. PLEASE WIRE.

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6 SEPTEMBER 1955

T.M.COX
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 899
832 27th STREET, SOUTHWEST
BIRMINGHAM 11, ALABAMA

RE YOUR TELEGRAM SEPTEMBER 1 ON WAGE INCREASES SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 PLEASE WIRE WEEKLY SALARY INCREESES NEGOTIATED SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 WHICH WOULD CORRESPOND TO THE 31% INCREASE REFERRED TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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6 SEPTEMBER 1955

C.C. EVANSON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 809
1020 NORTHEAST THIRD AVENUE
PORTLAND 12 OREGON

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 SHOWS 600 MEMBERS, BUT IN REPORTING WAGE INCREASES YOU INDICATE 1200 MEMBERS COVERED BY 6¢ INCREASE IN BASE PAY AND 500 MEMBERS COVERED BY 10¢ INCREASE IN WAGE BRACKETS. PLEASE WIRE EXPLANATION FOR DIFFERENCE IN ABOVE FIGURES.

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PAUL ASHCRAFT
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 537
1354 BANNOCK STREET
DENVER 4 COLORADO

INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
AUGUST 31, 1955

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1
1952 SHOWS TOTAL INCREASE SINCE THAT DATE OF 47¢ FOR
450 WORKERS AND $35 PER MONTH FOR 400 WORKERS. PLEASE
WIRE CENTS-PER-HOUR EQUIVALENT OF INCREASE FOR
EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED $35 HER MONTH INCREASE.

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C.F. BURT
Teamsters Local 656
167 WILLAMETTE STREET ROOM 4, EUGENE, OREGON

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 INDICATES AVERAGE INCREASE OF 16¢ PER HOUR FOR 2000 SEASONAL WORKERS AND BRACKET ADJUSTMENTS FOR 300 YEARROUND EMPLOYEES. PLEASE WIRE AVERAGE CENTS-PER-HOUR INCREASE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES COMBINED.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS

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August 31, 1955

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TO ALL LOCALS AND JOINT COUNCILS
IN THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS

On August 23 General President Beck found it necessary to request all local union officers and organizers to complete and forward their Reports on Contract Improvements, pointing out that only one out of every three locals had complied with his original request of July 29.

We would like to emphasize the need for complete records on all types of jurisdiction in every part of the country. Efforts of area and International officers to assist local unions in raising standards for their membership must be based on comprehensive progress studies.

We expect your immediate cooperation in returning the questionnaire to the International Union.

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa

James R. Hoffa
Chairman

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Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, A. F. of L.

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AUGUST 30, 1955

DAVID L. ERICKSON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 514
9921 101-A AVENUE, ROOM 207
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952, SHOWS TOTAL WAGE INCREASE OF $15.42 WITHOUT INDICATING WHETHER PER WEEK OR PER MONTH. PLEASE INDICATE WHAT THIS AMOUNTS TO ON A CENTS-PER-HOUR BASIS. PLEASE WIRE.

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AUGUST 30, 1955

Mr. ELMER NOLAN
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 73
130 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CLINTON, INDIANA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952, SHOWS TOTAL WAGE INCREASE OF 18% FOR 400 MEMBERS. HOW MUCH DOES THIS AMOUNT TO IN CENTS-PER-HOUR? PLEASE WIRE.

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AUGUST 30, 1955

MR. T.M. COX
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 899
832 27th STREET, SOUTHWEST
BIRMINGHAM 11, ALABAMA

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952, INDICATES 20% TOTAL WAGE INCREASE SINCE THAT DATE AND REFERS TO NEW CONTRACT DATED AUGUST 7 WHICH PROVIDES $40 PER MONTH INCREASE. PLEASE INDICATE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCREASE, INCLUDING NEW CONTRACT, EXPRESSED AS CENTS-PER-HOUR.

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INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
AUGUST 30, 1955

FR

EARL K. EDSALL
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 760
P.O. BOX 1062 (16 N. 3rd AVE.)
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT GAINS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952, INDICATES INCREASE OF 10¢ PER HOUR IN BASE RATE AND 17¢ IN BRACKET RATE FOR 4500 MEMBERS. PLEASE INDICATE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF INCREASE IN CENTS-PER-HOUR FOR ALL MEMBERS COMBINED.

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INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
AUGUST 30, 1955

MISS NELL CLARK
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 797
LABOR TEMPLE
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 REPORTS INCREASE OF 7¢ IN BASE RATE FOR MEN AND WOMEN AND FROM 10½ TO 17½¢ IN BRACKET RATES. PLEASE WIRE AVERAGE INCREASE IN CENTS-PER-HOUR FOR ALL MEMBERS COMBINED.

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AUGUST 30, 1955

MAUDE J. ANDERSON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 803
311 SUNSET BUILDING
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 INDICATES TOTAL WAGE INCREASE OF 6¾¢ PER HOUR FOR MEN'S BASE RATES, 7¢ FOR WOMEN, AND FROM 10¢ TO 17½¢ IN BRACKET RATES. PLEASE WIRE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF INCREASE FOR ALL MEMBERS COMBINED.

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August 30, 1955

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Mr. Thomas A. Greene
Secretary-Treasurer
Grocery and Food Products Employees
Teamsters Local 739
8 North Ogden Avenue
Chicago 7, Illinois

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 26 which gave us the necessary information on contract gains since December 1, 1952. I have two brief questions. On the first page, you state: "The balance of our membership belong to the pickle industry, coffee industry and the miscellaneous companies and averaged about 12½¢ per hour." How many members are involved in these industries?

Under Pensions, you refer to a 5¢ per hour plan covering 993 workers employed in the "independent group". Was this plan established before or after December 1, 1952?

I should appreciate hearing from you by return air mail. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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August 30, 1955

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Mr. Erle E. Carter, Secretary
Teamsters Local 315
731 Castro Street
Martinez, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, including the separate sheet which lists the industries covered by your Local.

Would you please indicate, in the space shown, the cents-per-hour increase received by each trade or industry since December 1, 1952, and return it to me by air mail.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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MDV FR INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
AUGUST 30, 1955

MR. EARL GRAVES
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 611
1345 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, ROOM 209
ST. LOUIS 4, MO.

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 SHOWS TOTAL WAGE INCREASE OF $12 PER WEEK FOR 1250 MEMBERS. HOW MUCH DOES THIS AMOUNT TO IN CENTS-PER-HOUR? PLEASE WIRE.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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MDV FR INT'L BRO. OF TEAMSTERS
AUGUST 30, 1955

MR. R.B. MOON
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 949
701 POLE AVENUE, ROOM 312
HOUSTON, TEXAS

YOUR REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1 1952 INDICATES TOTAL WAGE INCREASE OF $5 PER WEEK FOR SALESMEN, $6 FOR SUPERVISORS, AND $10 FOR RELAY DRIVERS IN THE BAKING INDUSTRY, AND $18 PER MONTH FOR RELAY TANKER DRIVERS IN MILK. CAN YOU SUPPLY CENTS-PER-HOUR EQUIVALENT OF THESE WEEKLY AND MONTHLY INCREASES. PLEASE WIRE.

ABRAHAM WEISS, ECONOMIST

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Mr. Geo. W. Junott, Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 296
40 W. Morrison Avenue
San Jose 26, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 18 and the attachment indicating contract improvements since December 1, 1952. The report will be very helpful in our review of contract gains for our membership.

I have one question, namely, you indicate an average weekly increase of $7.40. I have calculated the amount of the increase shown on your reported, weighted in each case by the number of workers covered, and my calculations show a total increase of $6,919.00 for 1,035 members, or a weighted average of $6.62 per each. Does the $7.40 average increase which you show refer to your entire membership? If so, could you give me your total membership figure.

I found attached to your letter the enclosed doctor's bill, which I assume was sent me inadvertently.

May I hear from you by return air mail?

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Lloyd Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local Union No. 391
128 N. Davie Street, Box 873
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you very much for your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Bock's letter of July 29.

In Item 1, Wages, you indicate the increase since December 1, 1952, as 23 per cent. Would you be good enough to indicate what this amounts to in cents-per-hour, by return air mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Lyale R. Hazelgrove
Business Agent
Teamsters Local 322
211 W. Grace Street
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Pursuant to your request of August 24, 1955, of Mr. Beck, I am enclosing 25 more forms, to enable you to give a more accurate report of contract gains since December 1, 1952. We realize filling in 25 forms is quite a job, but if you could do this at your earliest possible convenience, it would be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Arne M. Melkerson,
Sec'y-Treas. & Business Agent
Teamsters Local 476
415 Franklin Street
Buffalo 2, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Pursuant to your request of August 25, addressed to Mr. Beck, this is to confirm receipt of your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952.

Your prompt action was greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. James Wetzel, President
Teamsters Local 764
104 South Front Street
Milton, Penna.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am enclosing a blank copy of the Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952. I am also returning the second page of your typed report. The first page, unfortunately, was not received in this office. Would you please complete the blank form and send it to me by return mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. George Hart, President
Teamsters Local 65
102 E. State Street
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, you indicate that approximately 300 members of your Local have received an increase of about 30 to 50 per cent. Would you please indicate what this amounts to in cents-per-hour for all the members involved.

I should appreciate hearing from you by return mail. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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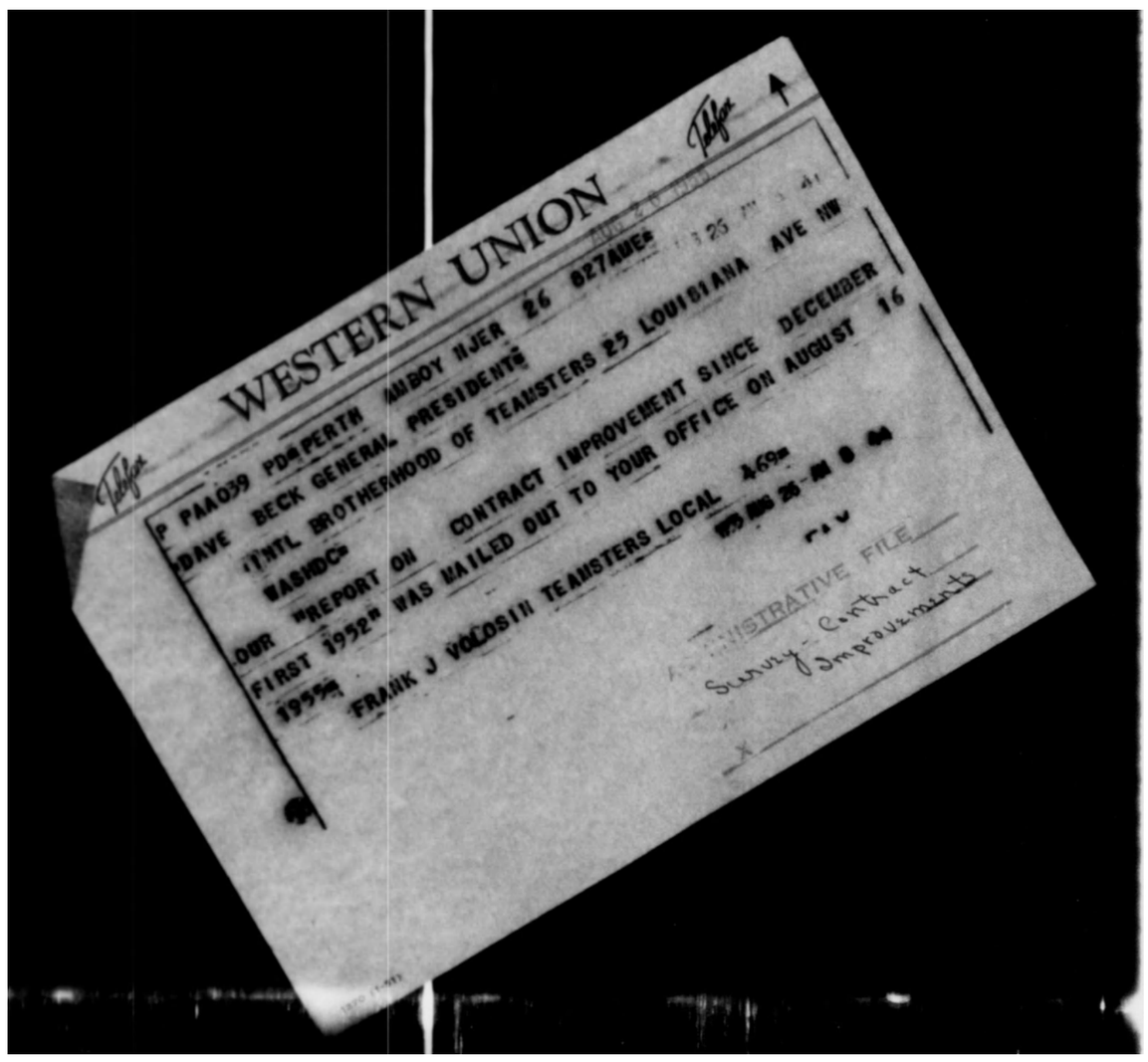

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INTL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS 25 LOUISIANA AVE NW

WASHDC=

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INTL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS 25 LOUISIANA AVE

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WIRES DISPATCHED TODAY TO ALL SECRETARIES OF LOCALS AFFILIATED WITH JOINT COUNCIL NO 7 REGARDING URGENCY OF COMPLETION OF QUESTIONNAIRE ON CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS=

JOSEPH J DIVINY=

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DAVE BECK=

GENERAL PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS 25 LOUISIANA AVE NORTH WEST WASHDC=

HAVE NOTIFIED ALL LOCALS MY AREA TO IMMEDIATELY COMPLETE QUESTIONAIRE AS ORIGINALLY MAILED AND FORWARD TO YOUR OFFICE. I REQUESTED THE LOCALS TO NOTIFY MY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY OF THEIR ACTIONS=

GEORGE MOCK GENERAL ORGANIZER=

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DAVE BECK, PRES INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS=
25 LOUISIANA AVE NORTH WEST WASHDC=

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF AUGUST 25 ADDRESSED TO
HAROLD J GIBBONS CONCERNING QUESTIONNAIRE ON CONTRACT
IMPROVEMENTS PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL UNION
AFFILIATED WITH JOINT COUNCIL 13 HAVE BEEN CONTACTED
BY THIS OFFICE. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING
LOCAL UNIONS THAT THEY HAVE RETURNED THE QUESTIONNAIRE
TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE LOCALS 366 611 688 700 709 AND

Submit Contract
Independents

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE NOTIFICATIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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304. RESEARCH DEPARTMENT WILL PREPARE THE REPORTS FOR THE REMAINING LOCAL UNIONS AND HAVE THE INFORMATION IN YOUR OFFICE SUNDAY AUGUST 29=

ERNEST CALLOWAY RESEARCH DIRECTOR TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 13=

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Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
846 S. Union Ave.,
Los Angeles 17,Calif.

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Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
421 E. Miner Avenue
Stockton, Calif.

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Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
516 Broadway
Albany,N.Y.

Albert Evans, Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
6001 Pulaski, Hwy.,
Baltimore, Md.,

Carl Keul, Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
821 Des Moines St.,
Des Moines, Iowa

Thomas L Hickey,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
325 Spring St.,Rm.306
New York, N.Y.

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819 Second Ave. S.,
Nashville, Tenn.

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Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
1191 Linden Avenue
Memphis, Tenn.

Harold Gibbons, Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
1127 Pine St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
1020 N.E.Third Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Raymond T. McCall,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
100 Indiana Avenue NW
Washington,D.C.

N.P. Morrissey,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
650 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

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Murray W. Miller,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamstera
1522 ICT Bldg.,
Dallas, Tex.

George E. Mock,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
831 H St.,Heckea Bldg.,
Sacramento,Calif.

John J. Sweeney,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
553 John St.,
Seattle, Wn.

Frank L.Tobin,Genl.Org.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
424 Chartres Street
New Orleans, 16, La.

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YOU SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED MY LETTER OF AUGUST 23 AND DUPLICATE QUESTIONNAIRE. IT IS URGENT THAT YOU AS GENERAL ORGANIZER GET COMPLETE COVERAGE FROM ALL LOCALS IN YOUR AREA AND INSIST THESE QUESTIONNAIRES BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THIS OFFICE AT ONCE. OUR RECORDS INCOMPLETE UNTIL ALL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

DAVE BECK

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Sidney L. Brennan, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
706 First Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minn.

Frank W. Brewster, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
553 John Street
Seattle, Washington

Joseph Diviny, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
25 Taylor Street
San Francisco,Calif.

John J. Conlin, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
69 Jefferson Street
Hoboken, N.J.

Thomas L. Hickey,V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
325 Spring St.,Rm.306
New York, N.Y.

James R. Hoffa, V-P.,
Intl.Brond of Teamsters
2741 Trumbull Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

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William A.Lee, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
133 S. Ashland Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

Daniel J. Murphy, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
4141 Forest Park Blvd,
St. Louis 8, Mo.

John T. O'Brien, V-P.,
Intl.Brohd of Teamsters
4217 S. Halsted Street
Chicago 9, Ill.

Harry Tevis, V-P.,
Intl. Brohd of Teamsters
701 Plaza Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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YOU SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED MY LETTER OF AUGUST 23 AND DUPLICATE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROGRESS REPORT. WILL MOST SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN URGING ALL SECRETARIES IN YOUR JURISDICTION TO COMPLY WITHOUT DELAY IN COMPLETING THESE FORMS AND RETURNING TO THIS OFFICE. OUR RECORDS INCOMPLETE UNTIL ALL RECEIVED.

DAVE BECK

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August 25, 1955

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Mr. John Tuttle, Secretary
Teamsters Local 318
27 N. Chelan Street
Wenatchee, Washington

Dear Sir and Brother:

In your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29, you show the increase in both bracket and base rates for men and women from December 1, 1952, to the present.

Would it be possible for you to indicate the average increase in cents-per-hour for men and women combined during this period? I am unable to calculate such an average increase because I do not have information on the number of men and women in each bracket.

I should greatly appreciate hearing from you by return air mail.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Glen H. Rabanus, Presidant
Teamsters Local 543
110 N. 7th Street
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29.

Would you please indicate on the attachment to the Report the number of members covered by each industry, and return the Report to me by return mail.

Your cooperation is very such appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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August 24, 1955

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Mr. Peter J. Theroux
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 526
P. O. Box 1664
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29.

Would you please indicate on the second page of your letter the number of members in each industry who received the increase shown. I can then compute the average increase for all the members of your Local. Would you please return your letter to me by return mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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August 24, 1955

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Mr. Harry W. Yocum
Recording Secretary
Teamsters Local 564
887½ Water Street
Meadville, Penna.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29.

In Item 1, Wages, I should greatly appreciate your indicating the number of members in each industry who received the wage increases shown. With these figures, I can then compute the average increase received by your members. In the Bakery Division, your report indicates an increase of 3%. How much does this amount to on a cents-per-hour basis?

Would you please send this Report to me by return mail. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Charles A. Parker
Secretary Treasurer
Teamsters Local 773
1345 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Penna.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, in which you indicate that you are trying to obtain contracts for the years 1952 to 1955, so that you may send us a report of contract improvements since December 1, 1952, in response to Mr. Beck's request of July 29.

I should greatly appreciate your sending me this report by September 1, at the latest, in order that I may include it in Mr. Beck's review of economic gains won by our members.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Bennie Musgrove
Recording Secretary
Teamsters Local 440
309 Winding Way
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29.

Under Item 1, Wages, you show total wage increases negotiated since December 1, 1952, of $55.00. I am not clear whether this represents the current weekly wage of your members, or whether it represents an increase over the wage in effect on December 1, 1952. What I am interested in is the cents-per-hour increase received by your members since December 1, 1952. Would you please enter this where shown and return the Report to me by air mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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August 24, 1955

Mr. Faro Caudill
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 492
509 Second Street, Southwest
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your letter of August 15, which reports increases and contract improvements since December 1, 1952, in response to Mr. Bech's letter of July 29.

Would you please indicate next to each industry the number of members covered, and return the letter to me by return air mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
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Mr. Alan S. Batchelder
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 109
988 Market Street, Room 407
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am enclosing a blank copy of the Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, as well as the first page of your completed report. Unfortunately, the second page was not received in this office. Would you please complete the form and return it to me by return air mail.

In Section 1, Wages, would it be possible for you to indicate the increase on a cents-per-hour basis. An estimate will be helpful if you cannot calculate it exactly.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Louis A. Eichhold
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 152
217 West 12th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am enclosing a blank copy of the Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952. I am also returning the second page of your typed report. The first page was not received in this office. Would you please complete the blank form and send it to me by return mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Fernando Bussi
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 350
2940 - 16th Street, Room 2
San Francisco 3, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 5, in response to Mr. Beck's request for a report of Contract Improvements since December 1, 1952. Your letter indicates very clearly the present wages and working conditions of your members. However, there is no report of the gains and increases in wages, vacations, holidays, health and welfare, etc., since December 1, 1952. I should greatly appreciate your completing the enclosed report form and returning it to me by return air mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

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Mr. J. Brown, Secretary
Teamsters Local 464
307 West Broadway
Vancouver 10, B.C., Canada

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you for your letter of August 1, 1955, in which you indicated that you were in negotiations and that you would shortly send us your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952.

I should greatly appreciate it if you would send this report so that it is received no later than September 1.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Charles D. Winters
President and Business Manager
Teamsters Local 270
424 Chartres Street
New Orleans 16, La.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your report of contract improvements since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29.

In Item 1, Wages, you show the total amount of wage increases. I should appreciate your converting the figure shown to a cents-per-hour basis, since I do not have the average weekly hours. If at all possible, I should appreciate a breakdown of the 2203 members covered by 8 and 9 hour daily, and 40 and 45 weekly guarantees. Would you please return the report by return air mail.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
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Mr. Thos. J. Warwick
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 729
702 St. Clair Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Sir and Brother:

In your report of contract improvements since December 1, 1952, which you sent us in response to Mr. Beck's letter of July 29, you indicated that wage increases negotiated since December 1, 1952, averaged 10 to 15 cents per hour each year for 1500 members. Could you please let me know the total average hourly increase for the 2½ year period.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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Mr. Glenn E. Rhoads
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 356
821 Des Moines Street
Des Moines 16, Iowa

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am returning your Report of Contract Improvements Since December 1, 1952, which you sent in response to Mr Beck's letter of July 29. I would greatly appreciate your converting the figure shown in Item 1, Wages, to a cents-per-hour basis, and returning this report to me by return mail.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

Abraham Weiss
Economist

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International Brotherhood of
TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS
WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS of America
AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

DAVE BECK
General President

25 LOUISIANA AVENUE, N.W. • WASHINGTON 1, D. C. • STERLING 3-0525

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TO ALL VICE-PRESIDENTS, ORGANIZERS,
TRADE DIVISION DIRECTORS, SECRETARIES,
STATISTICIANS:

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is a letter for your attention and study because I need your cooperation. Under date of July 29, 1955, I forwarded to every local union in our International, a request for information on economic and contract gains since December 1, 1952. This material would indicate first-hand the success of our locals in improving wages and working conditions for our membership. It would supply the necessary data for future policy, planning and development.

Our Research Department advises that only about one out of every three locals has sent in this report. I am requesting your cooperation in seeing that these are sent to me today, or as much in advance of September first as possible.

As your General President, I have continually tried to develop the greatest possible degree of leadership and responsibility at the local, city, state and trade division levels. The progress and development of our International Union depends on leadership and responsibility at the grass roots of our organization. This, in turn, requires 100 per cent cooperation of all local union officers and organizers so that we may operate as an International Union with the highest degree of efficiency. We can keep abreast of and know the problems confronting us only through your help.

I repeat—we can ndvance only as you provide the information and assistance which we request from time to time. The requests may deal, as the present one does, with contract gains during the past 2½ years. Or, as was the case a short time ago, we requested you to let Congress know of your views on highway legislation. You all know how successful we were in that connection.

None of this can be accomplished except through the cooperative effort of local unions who respond immediately and intelligently when called upon for assistance. Without your assistance, our entire operations are slowed down and our objectives delayed. And the expenses of running our organisation are increased because of follow-up letters, telegrams, and long-distance telephone calls.

If you have not already done so, please send in your report of contract gains without delay. This request is of major importance because, in part, the progress of this International Union depends upon these studies.

With sincere appreciation, I am

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck

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D U P L I C A T E of
questionnaire sent
July 29, 1955

August, 1955

REPORT OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1952

Local Union No. _____ Location _____

Industry or industries covered _____ No. Members _____

Submitted by _____ (name) _____ (title)

1. WAGES

Indicate total wage increases negotiated since Dec. 1, 1952:

Amount _____ No. workers covered _____

_____ _____

2. WORKING CONDITIONS

Indicate improvements since Dec. 1, 1952:

a) Reduction in work week:

From _____ hours to _____ hours

No. of workers covered: _____

b) Guaranteed work:

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25 LOUISIANA AVENUE, N.W. • WASHINGTON 1, D. C. • STERLING 3-0525

August 23, 1955

TO ALL VICE-PRESIDENTS, ORGANIZERS,
TRADE DIVISION DIRECTORS, SECRETARIES,
STATISTICIANS:

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is a letter for your attention and study because I need your cooperation. Under date of July 29, 1955, I forwarded to every local union in our International, a request for information on economic and contract gains since December 1, 1952. This material would indicate first-hand the success of our locals in improving wages and working conditions for our membership. It would supply the necessary data for future policy, planning and development.

Our Research Department advises that only about one out of every three locals has sent in this report. I am requesting your cooperation in seeing that these are sent to me today, or as much in advance of September first as possible.

As your General President, I have continually tried to develop the greatest possible degree of leadership and responsibility at the local, city, state and trade division levels. The progress and development of our International Union depends on leadership and responsibility at the grass roots of our organization. This, in turn, requires 100 per cent cooperation of all local union officers and organizers so that we may operate as an International Union with the highest degree of efficiency. We can keep abreast of and know the problems confronting us only through your help.

I repeat—we can advance only as you provide the information and assistance which we request from time to time. The requests may deal, as the present one does, with contract gains during the past 2½ years. Or, as was the case a short time ago, we requested you to let Congress know of your views on highway legislation. You all know how successful we were in that connection.

None of this can be accomplished except through the cooperative effort of local unions who respond immediately and intelligently when called upon for assistance. Without your assistance, our entire operations are slowed down and our objectives delayed. And the expenses of running our organization are increased because of follow-up letters, telegrams, and long-distance telephone calls.

If you have not already done so, please send in your report of contract gains without delay. This request is of major importance because, in part, the progress of this International Union depends upon these studies.

With sincere appreciation, I am

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck

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questionnaire sent
July 29, 1955

August, 1955

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To all secretaries, statisticians, Vice-Presidents, Trade Division heads, etc.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is a letter for your to study carefully because I need your cooperation. Under date of July 29, 1955, I forwarded to every Local Union in the International organization, a request for data sent out by our national statistical office which would provide the necessary information to be compiled for study, looking to future organizing activity and development.

We can only develop this International Union to its highest possible objective and as quickly as possible by every section of the International Union's membership being given a careful and detailed continual study on progress or lack of progress as it pertains to organized and unorganized a ctivity.

We can only know where we are strong or weak, where we can improve or where we cannot--immediately or by futuae development--, after carafully compiling in our International office the data secured from the fiald, which is the only accurate method, and then from these studies determine future policy and factors partaining tharato.

We are sponsoring and I have continually dona so since my occupancy of the office of General President, the greatest possible autonmy and utiliaation of the strength aad resources of city, stata conference and trade division operatios. We desire to have leadership aad support and develop it aad place respossibility out ia the ia fiald ia every nook and corner of our operation.

Our progress is dependent upon no one individuel or on a dozen, including the General President. We will only progress as we earn the one hundred per cent cooperation right down into the grass axx roots of our organiaation. We are now, we have been and we will continue, to spend the money of our International organization in matching programs with conferences, trade divisions, jbint councils and other International unions to develop both immediate and long range organising programs with resultant betterment of wages, hours and conditions of employment which very definitely include welfare programs, retirement schedules and every other factor that we can bring about for the benefit of our general membership.

We can only do this to its highest degree of efficiency of accomplishment by developing the kind of a national, area and local organisation that will sponsor and support everything necessary to aid the industries that give us amployment.

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field. We will, from time to time, make these surveys and solicit help in developing the data from which studies can be made to continually advance and progress.

I repeat--we need the help and can only advance as you provide the information and assistance. Perhaps it will be, as at present, necessary to get the technical data for our immediate study and to show us the progress or lack of progress in every nook and corner of our operation during the past two and one-half years. Again, it may be to ascertain whether our International Magazine, which costs us over $675,000 a year, is doing the best possible job where it must do it right down to the membership level. If it is not doing it, then we must ascertain why not and what is necessary to accomplish it.

We must find out what percentage is not receiving the magazine, where is the responsibility for this; is it in our International Office or in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Union.

This is not our immediate objective of inquiry but we will expand it to a national operation as we are doing on a local level in some areas.

We must build a powerful legislative division and utilize our membership strength to advance the welfare of our membership and their employers through aiding our industries to expand and to protect them when attacked by railroad competitors, politicians or labor haters. We had a recent experience with this on a national level where we worked in close cooperation with the American Trucking Associations, Inc., and while we had to repeat our contact to the field, a marvelous job was done and I congratulate everyone who cooperated. I am confident that the next session of Congress will

vision this question more thoroughly to our industry by virtue of the hundreds of thousands of protests that, through the cooperation of our people in the field and the trucking operators, were poured into congressional ears.

None of this can be accomplished except by building a great cooperative mechanism of human machinery that responds immediately and intelligently when called upon. It has been our experience that when we ask cooperation, there are always some who respond immediately and others only when time and expense is incurred by continual mail, telegram and finally telephone approach. All of this is, of course, costly. However, it also slows down the entire machinery on a national and field level to accomplish our objectives.

In the instance of organizers on our International payroll, this must be immediately corrected. Every organizer will be held strictly accountable in his area and we will expect him to accomplish this by personal helpful discussion and cooperation with the secretaries and business agents and by giving the vice presidents and others one hundred per cent cooperation.

We are now sending out the follow-up letters as previously stated, to secure the necessary data and our statistical study that were not received from all of the secretaries. If you have not sent in your data as requested, please do so today or as much in advance of September first as possible.

The replies from every local union are being carefully noted and we will again contact those not replying to our request by September first. I trust you will not be among the delinquent and that you will aid us by immediately sending in the data if you have not already done so.

Interaational Vice-Presidents, Organizers, Trade Division heads and staffs of area organizations and joint councils, statisticians, conference representatives, policy committee members and all secretaries---- I ask your one hundred par cent cooperation in helping me secure the data for thesenational studies because, upon this depends our progress.

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In the August issue of the International Teamster, I stated that I would shortly review the economic gains won by our membership throughout the United States and Canada, as well as Alaska and the Islands.

I should like your assistance in preparing such a report. Would you please send me a brief statement (not more than one page) outlining the contract gains achieved by your members since December 1, 1952. Please include in your report at least the following items: 1)total of wage increases negotiated; 2) reductions in work week; 3) work or wage guarantees on a daily, weekly, or annual basis; 4) new or improved health, welfare and insurance plans and pension plans; 5) number of additional paid holidays granted; and 6) improvements in paid vacations. Any other significant gains or achievements should also be listed.

It would be helpful to indicate the number of workers who received increased wages, a shorter work week, additional paid holidays, etc.

To facilitate your reply, you may use the attached form. Please mail the form or your reply so that it will reach my office not later than August 17th.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck
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August, 1955

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